

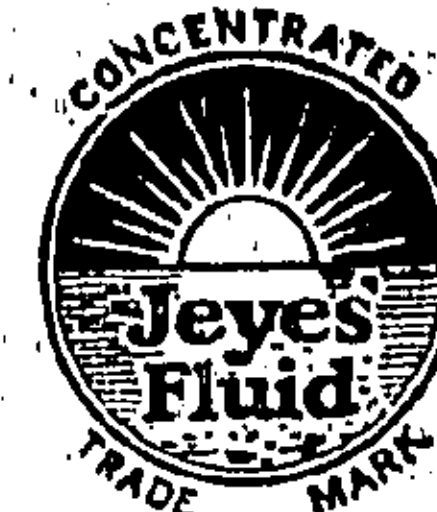
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HERRIOT BUSY FORMING CABINET.

ELECTING ANOTHER PRESIDENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, June 11.

M. Millerand has sent a letter to the Presidents of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies announcing his resignation.

PARIS, June 11.

The Chamber of Deputies and the Senate will meet jointly at Versailles at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon to elect a new President.

VISIT TO LONDON.

PARIS, June 11.

M. Herriot is losing no time in settling down to his task. He is already preparing a new Cabinet for announcement immediately the new President is elected. He is planning to adjourn the Chambers after the briefest debate.

This will enable him to get into contact with Allied governments. M. Herriot is hoping to go to London to see Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at the beginning of next week.

[Earlier cables stated that the moderate newspapers unanimously regret the departure of M. Millerand. Some of them consider yesterday's proceedings a dangerous precedent. The *Echo de Paris* declares that M. Herriot and his friends have struck the first blow against constitutional laws, and with the assistance of revolutionaries have opened the way for the greatest unreasonableness on the part of the extremists and the worst capitulations by the radical party. *Figaro* says the Leftists have accomplished the revision of the constitution contrarywise. The Leftist organs are rejoicing in the downfall of M. Millerand whom *Humanite* describes as "one of the worst enemies of proletariat."]

MISSIONARY KILLED.

OTHER FOREIGNERS SAFE.

HANKOW, JUNE 11.

A message from Hengchow gives Kweilin reports that the American missionary Mr. J. R. Cunningham has been killed. The other foreigners are safe.

[A party of missionaries, Messrs. Jaffray and Carne (British) and Rex Pay and Doctor Miller (American) travelling from Wuchow to Pinglo aboard the American hospital ship "Soanoke" were captured by bandits at Taiwan, ten miles from Pinglo. The whole party was carried off to the hills. This is the party mentioned as proceeding to Kweilin with the object of succouring the missionaries that were beleaguered in the city, reports having reached Wuchow that two missionaries had been killed in Kweilin. The American Vice-Consul, Mr. Chamberlain, has been sent to Wuchow from Canton to try to effect the release of the captured missionaries and to see what can be done to help them at Kweilin. The British and American Legations have drawn the attention of the Chinese Government to this latest outrage, requesting that immediate steps be taken towards the release of the missionaries.]

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

BRITAIN STILL WINNING.

LONDON, June 11.

At Scarborough in the Davis Cup tourney Britain secured the winning advantage from South Africa through Wheatley defeating Richardson 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

LATER.

In the third round of the Davis Cup, Britain defeated South Africa by 4 matches to 1. Gilbert (Britain) beat Spence 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

HARBOUR ENTERPRISE.

TUG AND LIGHTER CO.

The enterprise of the promoters of the Hongkong Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd., which was formed some months ago, is beginning to bear fruit as about half of the fleet of lighters which have been ordered will be ready to enter for business next week.

Mercantile and shipping houses will, it is felt, be pleased to avail themselves of the services of the company who are not only supplying a long-felt want but are bringing the Colony's transport facilities into line with other Far Eastern ports where the advantages of such a service have been materially felt.

Twenty-five lighters and two tugs have been laid down. The tugs are in course of construction at Taikoo and until they are ready to enter the service chartered tugs will be used. Steel lighters are being built at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. and Messrs. W. B. Bailey's establishment. Mr. R. Hunter has supervised the building of the wood lighters at Messrs. Bailey's and Ah King's. With capacity varying between

100, 175 and 250 tons, the fleet should be able to handle almost any kind of lighterage business in Hongkong. The steel craft have been built so that they will be classed under Lloyd's regulations and the wood craft will be found to be just as efficient as hardwood (yuccal and teak) has been used throughout.

Captain R. D. Thomas has been appointed the company's superintendent and his extensive experience of cargo handling in this port will be extremely valuable not only to the company but to the public.

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The Hongkong Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd., was incorporated in September last with a capital of \$2,000,000 divided into 200,000 shares of \$10 each.

Peking, June 11.—All the Powers concerned have now declined to participate in the preliminary tariff conference proposed by China, mostly on the ground that the present time is inopportune.—*Reuter.*

INDIA'S FUTURE.

DOMINION STATUS DEMANDED.

LESSON OF AMERICA.

LONDON, June 11.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. V. S. Sastri, Mrs. Anne Besant, Mr. Rangachariar, and other Indian leaders are at present in London presenting a memorandum to the India Office demanding the establishment of Dominion home rule and urging the despatch of a commission to India in the autumn with wide terms of reference in order that the story of the American colonies and Ireland may not be repeated and the constitutional party destroyed.

They claim that India should draft its own constitution in the same way as the other Dominions. The Viceroy should conduct the government with a Cabinet responsible to the Indian Legislature, but should provisionally retain responsibility for the defence of the country and for foreign affairs, including the relations of Indian Princes. Provincial governments should be autonomous and adequate provision should be made to protect the minorities.

BRITAIN'S HONOUR.

IRAQ AND THE TREATY.

BAGHDAD, June 16.

The Iraq Constituent Assembly has ratified the Anglo-Iraq treaty. The majority forwarded a petition to the President stating that while many clauses of the treaty were severe they relied upon the honour of the British Government not to oppress the people of Iraq; also declaring the treaty invalid if Britain fails to protect Iraq rights to Mosul.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY.

SIAMESE PRINCE'S INTEREST.

LONDON, June 11.

The Siamese Prince Purachatra visited Wembley to-day. He closely studied the Canadian National Railways and remarked there were many ideas there he would like to embody in the Siamese railway system.

STRIKERS' CHOICE.

LONDON, June 11.

The London Underground Railways have warned the strikers to return to work before June 13, otherwise they will be dismissed and steps will be taken against them for striking without proper notice.

HOME CRICKET.

DARK BLUES V. SOUTH AFRICANS.

LONDON, June 11.

At Oxford in the match between the Varsity and the South Africans, the ground was saturated and there was no play to-day.

MONEY FOR GERMANY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, June 12.

American bankers have completed negotiation to grant a credit of \$25,000,000 to the new German gold bank, thus extending the initial advance of \$5,000,000 arranged on April 25.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Cleveland, June 11.

The platform to be submitted to the Republican Convention was virtually completed early this morning. It is asserted that it is entirely along the lines desired by President Coolidge. It was reported in the executive session of the drafting committee that no voice was raised against the plank favouring the United States joining the World Court under President Coolidge's terms.

An insurgent faction led by Senator La Follette submitted to the platform committee a substitute platform, declaring that the paramount issue is to rescue the Government and industry from the grip of private monopoly, pledging itself to "a house cleaning" of Government departments in Washington and proposing reform in railway, tax, tariff, banking and agricultural legislation, but is not believed it will be supported by outside insurgent ranks.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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York.

A Publisher's Confession.
Mr. C. S. Evans, one of the directors of the well-known publishing house of Heinemann has been confiding to the *Morning Post* some interesting reminiscences of the literary world during the past thirty years. So he has told how the publication of Mr. Joseph Conrad's first novel, "Almayer's Folly," was due to Mr. Galsworthy, and has made it somewhat surprising statement that Mr. Conrad did not win popularity until 1915. One good story referred to the publication of William Morgan's novel, "Joseph Vance." It was sent down to Heinemann in a large bundle of loose handwritten writing, and Mr. Heinemann at first refused to read it. At last he was prevailed upon to do so, and got out of that bundle of papers two novels, "Joseph Vance" and "It Never Can Happen Again." Mr. Evans also reveals the fact that when Miss Clemens Dane was an unknown writer she did not know how to approach

MS. to London made an exact copy of the letter which Charlotte Brontë wrote under similar circumstances, just making the necessary changes.

stone to cure various disorders was an ancient Druidical rite, and is still practised in the East. In the parish of Marden there is a stone with a hole in it, four inches in diameter, through which children are drawn for the rick, though the favourite cure for a rick was to draw them through a cypress tree, which was afterwards burnt up, and as the split wood upon the child acquired strength.

Strangest of all superstitious practices, is the *touching* for disorders, by the royal hand. That there was a form of service expressly arranged for it in the time of James II. is not surprising, but one who

ders that our own Prayer Book late as the reign of Queen Anne had a form for that purpose! Dr. Percy's "Northumbrian Household Book" he tells us of our ancient kings who do seem to have affected to cure *King's Evil*. "This miracle our gift was left to be claimed by the Stuarts: our Ancient Kings were content to cure *cramp*." The solemn words touch, but God healeth," always pronounced by our sovereign when they "touched" administered "the sovereign salve as Bulwer calls it." The Daines Barrington tells of a man who was witness in a court and averred that when Queen Anne was at Oxford she touched him, whilst a child, for the The father of Dr. Johnson was a good Latin scholar and a man of plain sense and skill in trade as a bookseller, took doctor when a boy from Lich to London to be touched for Evil by Queen Anne.

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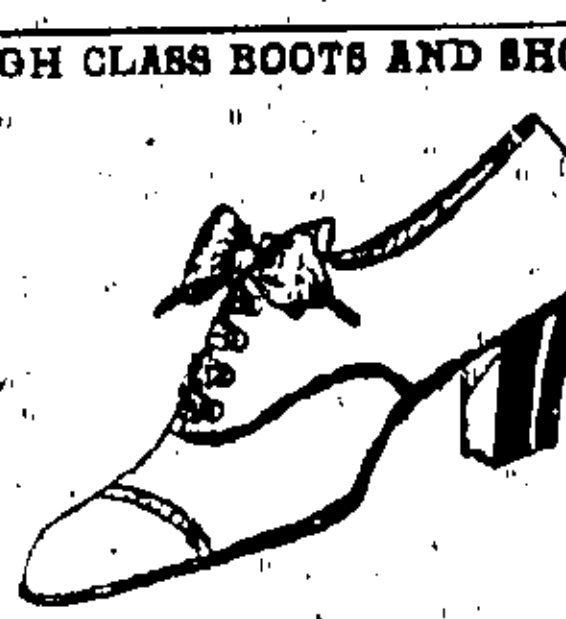
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While Strauss was absent in England several operatic stars met in a Berlin cafe. Among them was Mr. Josef Strassky, conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra. The conversation was carried on in German.

Mr. Edgar Strakosch, manager of a famous tenor then playing in Berlin, was also present. He spoke German imperfectly, and, mistaking Strassky's name, called him Mr. Conductor Strassky.

In spite of his indifferent German he entered into conversation with Fraulein Meize Mucke, a young German girl who asked him to obtain her a ticket for the opera. He introduced her to Strassky, addressing him as Mr. Conductor Strassky.

Strassky made himself charming to the girl, and promised to send her a ticket. Like many artists, however, his memory was short, and he forgot. The girl at last decided to write to him. She looked up Strassky in the telephone book, but was unable to find the name. She, however, did find the name "Richard Strauss, Conductor."

This, she thought, must be her kind friend. She wrote him a letter, reminding him of his kindness and their place of meeting. The letter was open to misconception, and unfortunately Strauss was away from home. His wife opened the letter.

"It is evident that he has been unfaithful to me," she declared at once. "After all I have done for him and the atmosphere I have created for his genius, he has taken up with some mix."

She refused to answer her husband's letters. Finally he telegraphed, and, receiving no reply, wrote to a friend. The friend, on hearing the reason from Mrs. Strauss, sought out Meize Mucke, and the mistake was cleared up.

In the opera the musical conductor willfully impersonates a famous composer in order to gain the affections of a girl. A letter written by the deluded girl falls into the hands of the composer's wife, who actually takes divorce proceedings, but the misunderstanding is eventually explained, and all ends happily.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Lord Derby is to be given the freedom of Douglas, Isle of Man, when he unveils a war memorial there. This is the first freedom conferred for 400 years.

Three priests taking a walk with three college boys on the outskirts of Tetuan, Morocco, were ambushed, and three of the boys and two of the priests are missing.

The Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, will in future be open on Thursdays and Saturdays until 9 p.m. Since the war it has been closed at 5 p.m.

Mr. Harry Scott-Hamer, Golee has been appointed Official Receiver for the bankruptcy districts of Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds, and Colchester in succession to Mr. Thomas W. J. Britten.

Socialist protests were made in the Belgian Chamber against the sentence of death passed at Kief on four Russian professors for alleged treason.

The efforts of Hull fruit importers have resulted in the French Government withdrawing the export tax of 25 per cent. on fruit and reducing the export tax on vegetables from 25 to 5 per cent.

Mr. James Stewart, Under-Secretary of Health for Scotland, who is the proprietor of hairdressing shops in Glasgow will open his hairdressing saloons at the Wembley Exhibition.

M. Paul Léon, French Director of Fine Arts, has just inspected, in Paris, the model of the new church to be erected on the site of the old church of Sainte Anne de Beaupré, at Quebec, which was burnt down a year ago.

Described as a pastor at village churches, Arthur Harwood Field was sentenced to six months' hard labour at Hastings for obtaining £30 from local tradesmen by false pretences in connection with advertisements in church calendars.

When John William Tomlinson, 62, porter, was bound over at Marlborough-street for stealing a diamond brooch valued at £100 which he found in a street three weeks ago, it was stated that no one had yet claimed it.

On a charge of murdering his father-in-law, Hyman Darin, 62, a naturalised Russian, of Clovenstone, Forest Gate, E., Solomon Jahari, 28, a Rumanian, will be brought up at West Ham Police Court.

Charged with putting certain poisons in medicine her mother was taking for influenza, Beatrice May Newman, 16, at Portsmouth was bound over for two years, a Salvation Army officer accepting responsibility for her.

Subject to the approval of the men it is proposed to refer to the Industrial Court for arbitration the demand of the employees of the Metropolitan Water Board for a general increase of wages and improved working conditions.

Several leading actors and actresses are rehearsing in the board-room of the St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, S.W., two plays which will be given at a matinee at Daly's Theatre in aid of the hospital.

To help the unemployed, the Tyne Commissioners have accepted the tender of the Palmer's Shipbuilding Co., of Jarrow, for two steam barges at a cost of £42,500, although the Dutch tenders were £8,900 lower than any British.

An open verdict was returned at the inquest at Brighton on William Harold Eric Roberts, 18, of Englewood-road, Balham, S.W., whose body was washed up by the sea. His father, a surveyor, said his son was cheerful and had never spoken of suicide.

American lawyers are presenting to London a life-size figure in bronze of William Blackstone, born in Cheapside in 1723, whose codification of the English Common Law entitles him to be regarded as the unifier of the legal systems in English-speaking communities.

The London and North-Eastern Railway has opened for passenger traffic the line, about 15 miles long, between Cuffley and Stevenage, which since February 1921 has only been used for goods trains. In addition to the new station at Hatfield, there will be a station at Bayford and halts at Stapleford and Walton.

GRUESOME CRIME.

STRANGE MYSTERY OF MURDERED WOMAN.

LONELY BEACH TRAGEDY.

Scotland Yard detectives are faced with another strange crime. Portions of a woman's body have been found at Eastbourne, and a man has been arrested.

A fashionably-dressed young woman who attended race meetings and dined at Eastbourne hotels disappeared about three weeks ago.

A man has been detained on suspicion of having killed a woman and dismembered her body," is the official announcement made by Scotland Yard following a two-days' watch by detectives at the cloak-room at Waterloo Station for the claimant of a bulky portmanteau containing blood-stained female underwear.

The police had previously discovered portions of a woman's body in an empty cottage at Eastbourne. The Weekly Dispatch states that the portmanteau contained human remains and a blood-stained butcher's knife, to which strands of hair were adhering. There is a possibility, it is stated, that the remains found at Eastbourne, which were partially burned, may prove to comprise portions of the bodies of two women.

The cottage where the discovery was made is one of a row of old coastguard houses, within 300 yards of The Cumbles, a desolate stretch of beach where the body of a murdered typist was discovered in 1920.

A man of between 30 and 40 years of age, well dressed and well supplied with money, recently rented the cottage, where two women also were seen—one tall, fair and middle-aged, and the other young, with dark bobbed hair, and fashionably dressed.

It is believed that the latter was an author, but her name has not been disclosed. The man frequently hired motor cars, and attended race meetings, and dined at Eastbourne hotels with the women separately. He seemed to be on the most affectionate terms with the younger one, who disappeared three weeks ago.

When the police entered the cottage at Pevensey (near Eastbourne) they found in the sitting-room grate sawn pieces of human bone, from which the flesh had been roughly hacked in the kitchen were two large metal stewpans, in which were human remains. A big portmanteau found in a bedroom contained a biscuit tin and four large parcels wrapped in brown paper, with an inner wrapping of a woman's skirt and underwear.

Each parcel contained portions of human remains, some of which had obviously been sawn off. The biscuit tin contained several organs, including the heart and lungs. Some parts were missing, including the head, for which the police are digging in the cottage grounds.

Doctors believe that death occurred about 10 days before and that the body had been dismembered within two days of death.

Investigations have failed to disclose definitely where the dismemberment was carried out, but it is suggested that the murder and dismemberment occurred elsewhere, and that the body was conveyed to the cottage a part at a time.

The police have discovered that Miss Kaye, who formerly lived in Guildford-street, London, is missing. The bloodstained clothes found in the portmanteau correspond to some worn by Miss Kaye.

The Eastbourne discovery recalls the finding a fortnight ago of a severed leg of a woman on Wimbledon Common, outside London—an affair which has not yet been explained.

Miss Irene Munro, a typist, was murdered at Eastbourne in 1920. Two young men, Gray and Hill, were hanged for the crime.

WOMEN'S WRONGS.

What A Great Surgeon Said.

One of the greatest surgeons said that he never went to bed without feeling thankful for not having been born a woman. A woman's health handicaps her, almost always. She has pains and disabilities which do not afflict men. Nature does not give her a fair chance. Her blood is more often thin and poor than a man's and she often neglects the fit at beginnings of ill-health.

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NAPOLEON'S CHAPLAIN.

ST. HELENA RELICS FOR AMERICA.

Although Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach is taking back to New York over \$50,000 worth of books (packable in four small trunks) purchased by him in the recent Britwell sale, he is especially proud of having been successful in acquiring the famous collection of authentic relics of Napoleon, originally belonging to the Emperor's chaplain at St. Helena, the Abbé Ange Paul Vignali. Not long ago the French Government added some Malmalson relics to the national collection, but failed to annex the Vignali souvenirs, and, as the Napoleonic cult is very ardent in America, Dr. Rosenbach's purchases will be keenly examined when he takes them over along with the Britwell trophies of Elizabethan literature.

Most of the relics belong literally to the last phase of Napoleon's career. In the Hotel des Invalides, where the remains of the conqueror now repose, is also the original matrix of the death mask moulded from the face of the dead by Napoleon's doctor, Antonmarchi. But at the time the doctor gave to Vignali, who had administered the last Sacrament to Napoleon, a mould of his mask, and although others were made later this early replica has much interest. A more massive relic in this Vignali collection is a mummified tendon taken from Napoleon's body during the autopsy.

It should be explained that Vignali went to St. Helena from Corsica at the command of Cardinal Fesch, Napoleon's uncle, to establish a chapel at Longwood, of course by the assent of the British Government. In Napoleon's will the chaplain was bequeathed 100,000fr. to be used for building a house in his native Corsican village, Bisinchi, near Porto Nuova. Vignali was also deputed to take to Napoleon's son, the Duke of Reichstadt, in Vienna, a number of sacred vessels and altar-cloths which had been in Longwood Chapel. This mission was not allowed at the time, and it may be recalled that these objects through the dishonesty of a Corsican lawyer, were eventually deposited in a Paris pawnshop.

After long litigation the Duke of Padua was able to purchase them, and these particular relics are now in the possession of Prince Victor Napoleon's family. The Vignali relics comprise the abbé's share of those personal objects associated with Napoleon which were not expressly willed to

DRINK BILL.

CHEAPER BEER MEANT BIGGER DEMAND.

Britain's drink bill during 1923 totalled £307,500,000, against £330,000,000 in 1922, states the annual report of the United Kingdom Alliance.

The expenditure per head of the population was about 2s. against 2s. 13s. in the preceding year. Although the expenditure on alcoholic beverages decreased by seven per cent, the quantity of liquor consumed increased by three per cent. This was owing to a reduction in the price of beer resulting in an increased demand. The total consumption of absolute alcohol was approximately 11,000,000 gallons, against 49,500,000 gallons in 1922 and the approximate consumption per head was, for Great Britain, 1.18 gallons; for England and Wales, 1.25 gallons; and for Scotland, 0.75 gallons.

members of the entourage. When Vignali returned to Corsica he built the house at Bisinchi out of as much money as he could wring from Napoleon's executors, and after a stormy retirement was killed in a vendetta in 1828. His sister inherited the house and the relics, which ultimately passed to only son, Charles Giannetini, who is still alive at 96 years of age. The relics were documented by a notary eight years ago, and it is agreed that they are the original Vignali inheritance.

British collectors are no longer so ardent as formerly, but, as stated, there is a very lively interest in America in any souvenirs of Napoleon, so that such relics as his knife, fork, and spoon in silver, with the Imperial coat of arms, and forming part of the great dinner service; his silver cup from his travelling dressing-case; his white breeches and piqué waistcoat; a ciphered shirt and handkerchief; even a packet of Napoleon's hair from the head, beard, and chest will arouse emotion in New York.

Vestments and chalice cloths from Longwood—even the chapel register—are naturally to be found, and among the documents is a copy of Napoleon's will in Vignali's hand. There are, too, papers dealing with the failure to hand over Napoleon's relics to his son, and the volume of the memoirs by the enthusiastic Las Cases has the author's autograph. More probably will be heard of Vignali's diary, which is accompanied by his diploma of theology and as doctor of medicine, Rome University, and by his passport with the British visa.

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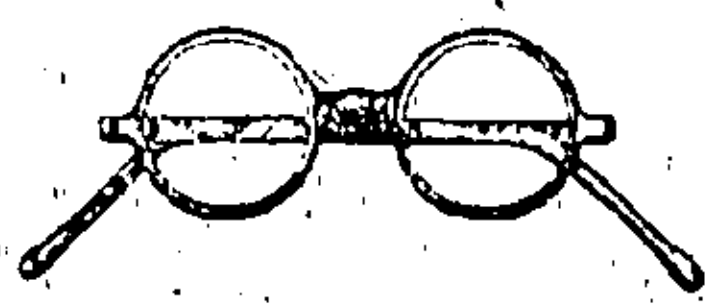
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FRANCE'S NEW PREMIER.

Unlike his American compeer who is elected for four years, the President of France holds office seven years. Ordinarily he is not affected by intervening political changes resulting from Cabinet defeats in the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate which between them exercise the legislative power. Usually the President has little concern with the elections taking place for the Chamber every four years and for the Senate every nine years. The rule which requires one-third of the Senators to retire triennially cannot possibly affect his position. Therefore, once elected, he is above politics, theoretically. Then why has M. Millerand resigned with still more than half his term to serve? Political opponents contend that he has been too closely identified with the defeated Poincaré policy for

him to be above suspicion now that other ideas are to prevail. Furthermore they allege that he has taken a more direct part in politics than is customary for a President. Whatever truth these charges contain, certain it is they have sealed his fate, and yesterday the Chamber of Deputies heard the "communication from the Government" which formally announced his resignation. Now that M. Millerand has finally gone M. Herriot will become Premier, since upon the election returns he is M. Poincaré's logical successor and the only reason he gave for not forming a Cabinet when approached last week was the President's refusal to resign. M. Herriot, as the cables have already stated, is a distinguished educationist and the pincers of local government. Minister of Transport in the War, he shares M. Loucheur's reputation of being one of the first economic authorities in France. He organised the great Lyons Fair and has been closely identified with attempts to restore trade with Russia.

Although he has been strong enough to carry the day against the President he will find the task before him as Premier extremely difficult. Certainly he will not be able to make any drastic alterations in policy. Otherwise the remnants of the Bloc National, which we are told, properly counted with the Communists omitted, still have a small majority large enough to overthrow him, especially as among his own followers are some who still consider the Ruhr policy necessary for securing reparations. This constitutes his chief problem, because he cannot govern without the aid of the Socialists, numbering with the two wings of the Party joined, 140 pledged to evacuate the Ruhr valley without delay. However the outlook is not by any means hopeless. Everybody agrees, including the Poincaré bloc, that there must be close co-operation with Britain, and Britain's views being known to all the world, M. Herriot will doubtless be able to carry the Chamber with him upon certain vital issues which might otherwise have been the subject of bitter party strife. Anyway, latest cables report that M. Herriot is losing no time in settling down to his task, and it is even reported that he hopes to visit London next week for a conference with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. This is quick work and it should have good results, bringing him to grips with his greatest problem and at the same time enabling him to consolidate his position before the present unity regarding co-operation with Britain is dissipated in the fray of party politics.

Kowloon's Motor Buses.

Though the satellites of Kowloon's various motor bus companies can hardly be credited with appreciation of the traditional busman's holiday, its spirit seems not entirely lost upon them. Mr. Hamilton, Magistrate at the Kowloon Police Court, made an opportune comment the other day when he criticised the conduct of officials on the buses and said the various managers should be warned. He further pointed out the danger involved when irresponsible officials board the vehicles and chatter and laugh with the driver while the bus is in motion. The learned Magistrate's observance has not been made too soon. The frivolity that is displayed on the buses at various times is appalling and it is a wonder there are not more accidents than there are. Boarding the buses while they are in motion appears to be another weakness of the officials and apparently their friends, clansmen and relations. Though they perform this acrobatic feat at their own risk they do not allow the matter to rest there but take the seat nearest to the driver and exchange compliments while the bus is being driven along a busy thoroughfare. Some of the officials, we must admit, do their duty wisely and well, but their less serious and more flippant colleagues should certainly be stopped from turning the responsible business of running a bus into an occasional char-a-banc outing.

Taxing Food Supplies.

On several occasions since the period of interregnum commenced at Wuchow-end in its environs, the "China Mail" has made pointed reference to the scandal which exists in connection with the illegal levies on livestock shipped to Hongkong. It is needless to explain that whatever exactions are made, it is the Hongkong consumer who shoulders the expense as the travelling trader who brings down his produce to Hongkong would not be human if he did not add on his payments to his cost. Interviews with local authorities have only revealed the fact that the evil is known but international considerations prevent any redress. It would be the easiest matter to protest, but cold facts suggest that mere verbal protests would have little effect as the government claiming authority is powerless to deal with the culprits. From the foregoing it seems as if Hongkong will have to pay with what grace it can as we are dependent on Wuchow for supplies of cattle and poultry. As long as the livestock is assembled there for

export local military commanders and bandit chiefs who hold sway in approaching waters will continue to levy their dues which they describe as "safe conduct taxes" and "local military contributions." Some have seriously suggested reprisals on manufacturers going up from Hongkong. Not only would these reprisals fail to have the desired effect as it would be the consumer and not the soldiers-bandits who would pay, but they would speedily be found to be quite futile in practice. Therefore it is a case of pay—and smile.

It is cause for hearty congratulations that the success of the efforts of the Ken Wood preservation committee to acquire an additional thirty-one acres of the Ken Wood estate for the people of London is now practically assured. This portion of the woodland constitutes the finest remnant of the old forest of Middlesex that exists to-day, and is, indeed, vital to the whole landscape as seen from Parliament Hill Fields and Hampstead Heath. It contains some of the most splendid beech trees in the whole of England, and its value to the public, for this and other reasons, is almost impossible to over-estimate. Two lakes are within its boundaries and its entire acreage lies inside the metropolitan limits.

The "Ministry of Labour Gazette" (London) sets forth these figures for labour disputes in the years since the war:—
1919: 2,400,000 persons affected, 34,969,000 days lost. 1920: 1,779,000 persons affected, 25,567,000 days lost. 1921: 1,770,000 persons affected, 19,350,000 days lost. 1922: 335,000 persons affected, 10,642,000 days lost. Comment would be superfluous.

Dr. Butler, president of the Columbia University, who, a few days ago, declared that Prohibition had taken America down into "the valley of darkness, lawlessness and contempt for order," must be regretting his indiscretion. An angry Prohibitionist politician has announced his intention of withdrawing his sons from the University of Columbia, while the Methodist Ministerial Association is demanding Dr. Butler's dismissal. When next the professor goes seeking truth, and imagines he has found it, he will think twice before he publishes his discovery.

The New York "WHAT IS A PARK?" defines a park as "something that a city isn't." The best park, we are told, "is that which gives one most quickly and completely the illusion of having left the city miles away. Granting this, another American paper puts its finger at once on some things which as far as possible should be kept out of a park: noise, hurry, buildings, business, and amusements such as the city itself offers. On the positive side one wants quiet, repose, trees, grass, water, sunshine, air. Too much artifice is the ruin of many parks; too many formal drives, too many statues, too many 'lawns' with warnings to keep off the grass."

The teacher in the PHYSIOLOGY advanced school had been discussing physiology and the future of the human race. "And in time," he said, "when science overcomes certain difficulties, it may be possible for us to do without sleep altogether." Then a voice of a sceptical adolescent: "Yes, an' then you wake up!"

To-day's Poem.

Where the pools are bright and deep,
Where the gray trout lies asleep,
Up the river and over the lea,
That's the way for Billy and me.

Where the blackbird sings the latest,
Where the hawthorn blooms the sweetest,
Where the nestlings chirp and flee,
That's the way for Billy and me.

Where the mowers mow the cleanest,
Where the hay lies thick and greenest,
There to track the homeward bee,
That's the way for Billy and me.

Where the hazel bank is steepest,
Where the shadow falls the deepest,
Where the clustering nuts fall free,
That's the way for Billy and me.

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WEATHER CALENDAR.

JUNE 12.

1846. Dearest, I have been driving out to Hampstead! And see the proof of it—this grew in the hedges when the sun rose to-day. We had a great branch gathered, started over with dog-roses. I did long for air, through the suffocation yesterday.
—Elizabeth Barrett.

BAD EGG.

The late Walter Hines Page, sometime U.S. Ambassador in England, was formerly editor of the "World's Work," and, like all editors, was obliged to refuse a great many stories. A lady once wrote him:
"Sir: You sent back last week a story of mine. I know that you did not read the story, for as a test I had pasted together pages 18, 19, and 20, and the story came back with these pages still pasted; and so I know you are a fraud and turn down stories without reading same."
Mr. Page wrote back:
"Madame: At breakfast when I open an egg I don't have to eat the whole egg to discover it is bad."

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

June 12.—Coronet Theatre: "Flaming Youth."
June 12.—The Star Theatre: The "Globe Trotters" Midnight Revue; also "My Lady's Latch Key."
June 12.—World Theatre: "Milestones."
June 12.—Queen's Theatre: "Unseen Forces."

SOCIAL.

June 12.—Mr. William Heughan, well known Basso-Baritone, will sing at the Peak Club, 9.30 p.m.
June 12.—Exhibition game of billiards in Engineers' and Shipbuilders' Institute, 6 p.m.
June 12.—Exhibition game of billiards in the E.A.S.M.A. Club, 9.15 p.m.

LAND SALE.

June 16.—P.W.D. Offices, three lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

June 13.—Lammert Bros., one Motor Cycle with Side Car, noon.
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June 13.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, Duddell Street, raincoats etc., noon.

June 14.—Lammert Bros., at Kung Yuen Godown, West Point, 200 piculs Tung Kun Sea Grass "Mountain Mark No. 1," 11 a.m.

June 17.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, gold and silver watches, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

June 21.—Extraordinary general meeting of A. S. Watson Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

July 7.—Further extraordinary meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, 11.30 a.m.

MEETING.

June 13.—General Meeting of members of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, at Sailors' Home, West Point, 5 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

At the time of going to press no further news had been received in Hongkong as to the progress of the American fliers. According to schedule they were expected to leave Haiphong yesterday morning and to arrive at Touraine, 400 miles south in the early evening.

Four masters of steam launches were prosecuted at the Marine Court this morning for using their sirens at an early hour in the harbour for purposes other than navigation. Three were fined \$3 and one was discharged. For not observing the rule of the road and crossing the bows of a police launch, the master of the motor boat "Moorage" 7 was fined \$5.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

According to a Daily Bulletin cable M. Merlin, Governor General of Indo-China, arrived at Shanghai yesterday afternoon from Peking.

A Reuter cable from the Hague announces the death of Jonkheer Dr. A. E. Deagorvondshagen, ex-Minister of the Interior, Judge of the Hague Permanent Arbitration Court and one of the arbitrators in the Anglo-American North Atlantic Fisheries dispute. He was a member of the Council of the Carnegie Foundation.

"STEAMER'S FATE."

HAINAN STRAITS DISASTER.

NO TRACE OF BOATS.

SURVIVORS REACH HONGKONG.

The worst is to be feared regarding the ill-fated Japanese cargo steamer "Yahiko Maru" which sank in the Hainan Straits on Saturday. Vessels which have arrived in Hongkong from that region report that they saw no trace of the vessel or of its boats, although the captain of the "Yoshino Maru", arriving from Manila says that in Lat 18-40 N. 117-19 E. he saw drifting a vertical mast, 50 feet high.

The two seamen who swam to Hoihow from the wreck have been brought to Hongkong by the "Yue Ying Wa" and have left the vessel. The s.s. "Aspen" which picked up the third, and, it is believed the last, survivor inside Hainan Head has also landed him in Hongkong. If they get into touch with each other they will probably return to Japan together. From later information we learn that the "Yahiko Maru" was loaded with limestone. A strong North-easterly gale was blowing at the time the steamer is reported to have sunk.

The official notice sent to the Hongkong Harbour Office yesterday from the local offices of the Y. K. K. Line ran as follows:

"Our chartered s.s. 'Yahiko Maru' foundered in the Straits of Hainan at 9 a.m. on the 7th instant in a position which is supposed to be the Baksha Bank, about fifteen miles West of Hainan Head. Will you kindly request masters of all vessels bound for the Hainan Straits to keep a good look out for the sunken ship; also her missing crew."

LEAGUE TENNIS.

Second Division.

UNIVERSITY v. I.R.C. (A.)

Playing away yesterday, the I.R.C. (A) beat the University by 58 games to 41. Scores:—

O. Ismail and I. A. Razack beat Yue and Hung 6-5, beat Soo and Balhatchet 10-1, beat Sepher and Peterson 6-5.

S.A. Ismail and A. H. Madar beat Yue and Hung 6-5, beat Soo and Balhatchet 7-4, lost to Sepher and Peterson 4-7.

S.A.R. Ismail and Y. A. Wahab beat Yue and Hung 8-3, beat Soo and Balhatchet 7-4, lost to Sepher and Peterson 4-7.

I.R.C. v. C.R.C. (B.)
Playing at home yesterday, the I.R.C. (B) lost to the C.R.C. (B) by 38 games to 61. Scores:—

S.A.G. Mohamed and S. S. Hussain lost to K. C. Ng and P. F. Choy 4-7, lost to K. Y. Wei and Ip Kau 5-6, lost to R. Chang and P. S. Choy 5-6.

A. Kitchell and S. A. R. Bux lost to K. C. Ng and P. F. Choy 3-8, lost to K. Y. Wei and Ip Kau 4-7, lost to R. Chang and P. S. Choy 4-7.

A. Cassimboy and M. P. Madar lost to K. C. Ng and P. F. Choy 4-7, lost to K. C. Wei and Ip Kau 4-7, lost to R. Chang and P. S. Choy 5-6.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
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July 7.—Further extraordinary meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, 11.30 a.m.

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June 13.—General Meeting of members of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, at Sailors' Home, West Point, 5 p.m.

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TENANTS' RIGHTS.

RENTS ORDINANCE AGAIN DISCUSSED.

THE MORALITY OF LAW.

The manner in which the Rents Ordinance protects the interests of the tenant when the landlord requires the house for the alleged purposes of rebuilding was again discussed at the Summary Court this morning.

Under Section 4 (1 F) the landlord is required to satisfy the tenant and the court (if an action arises) that he bona fide requires possession for the purpose of erecting a new building and that this must be done perfectly clear in the notice to quit given.

Both of these points were taken at the Summary Court this morning and there was an interesting side-issue in which Mr. Eldon Potter, for the plaintiff, discussed the morality of law. This arose out of the allegation of the tenants that the landlord had gone to them and said that if they did not pay an increase of rent he would get them ejected. This was denied by Mr. Potter for the plaintiff, but taking up the point, Mr. Potter said that even if the landlord had threatened to turn the tenants out because they would not pay an increase the motive did not matter a scrap. The point was that he was going to build a new house and in law the motive for turning out the tenants was not to be considered.

"In law," said Counsel, "you have a right to buy up a man's debts and make him a bankrupt even though your avowed intention in so doing may be to get him off a Board of Directors."

The case in which this interesting point arose was that in which Mr. Eldon Potter for Un Yeuk-che, the landlord, claimed possession of 46 Des Voeux Road Central from The Hing Lee, merchants, represented by Mr. M. M. Watson.

Mr. Potter said that two points were involved in the claim—the validity of the notice and the bona fide requirement of possession for the purpose of re-building. The case was similar to that which he had argued yesterday except that his client in this case wished to make use of the two walls which would be left standing.

QUESTION OF FOUNDATIONS.
His Honour: On the question of the newness of a house it has occurred to me, arising out of Mr. Davidson's statement yesterday, that it might be contended that a building is not new because it is built on the foundations of the old. It would certainly appear that the definition in the Ordinance does not refer to foundations, only with walls and roofs and things of that kind.

Mr. Potter: Exactly, that was the point I made.

On the question of damages Mr. Potter's contention was that tenants were not, under the local Ordinance, entitled to damages at all. The law relating to damages was not applicable to the Colony of Hongkong owing to the local provision protecting the tenants' interests in the notice to quit.

THE DEFENCE.
Mr. Watson's defence was that the description of the proposed alterations in the notice to quit was an entirely false one and that the notice to quit was not valid. It was obvious from the plans that the very minimum of reconstruction was being done to get the new house, and his second point was that the landlord did not bona fide require the house for the purpose of erecting a new building. Judgment was reserved.

CAMOENS' GROTTTO.
SUGGESTED BROWNING INSCRIPTION.

Interest has been aroused here in Sr. Vulpicelli's suggestion to have E. B. Browning's poem "Catarina to Camoens" placed among the inscriptions in the grotto where he is said to have written a part of "The Lusiad" writes our Macao correspondent.

Intending subscribers however would like to be assured that this poem is not merely a cloak for an expression of love from Elizabeth Barrett Browning to her husband. It is pretty generally accepted that her "Sonnets from the Portuguese" are such, and were this the case with "Catarina to Camoens," they think that a memorial to Robert Browning would be a fitter place for it.

It is doubtful moreover whether permission would be granted, as a Chinese poem of praise inscribed in granite and erected by the Heungshan Civil Authority over the entrance to the grotto was removed, on aesthetic grounds.

The poems by former Governors of Hongkong, on the other hand, remain in place, albeit so sadly in need of re-touching as to be almost illegible.

ANOTHER ARMS HAUL.

PISTOLS AND AMMUNITION ON "CARNARVONSHIRE."

Three lots of arms and ammunition were seized by Revenue and Police officers yesterday while they were searching the Chinese quarters of the s.s. "Carnarvonshire."

An attempt was made to dump the contraband over the side of the boat into the harbour, but the bags fell on to a junk and were seized by Sergeant Dorrington.

The list of arms found is as follows:—
3 Mauser pistols, two automatic pistols and 584 rounds of ammunition.

14 Mauser pistols with stocks, 18 automatics and 3,145 rounds of ammunition.

1 Mauser and 143 rounds of ammunition.

DOORS CLOSED.

BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENT.

SEQUEL TO RUN.

ADVERSE EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS.

SENIOR OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT.

Between ten and eleven this morning the Chinese Merchants Bank Ltd., suspended payment. On the glass panes of the front doors of the bank's head office in Chater Road (Alexandra Buildings) was posted a notice in English "Payments suspended pending arrangement." When a *China Mail* man called there were a few people at the door but admission was being refused.

In an interview with one of the senior officials of the Bank, it was gathered that the step was taken after an abortive effort to call a board meeting at ten o'clock this morning. A quorum of five was needed but only four were present and the meeting, accordingly, was not held. Even if the directors' meeting had been held, said the official, only the same decision could have been reached.

When it was pointed out to him that rumours were going round concerning the Bank's alleged rice commitments in Saigon, the official made an emphatic denial. What had led to the suspending of payment, he said, were adverse exchange transactions in Hongkong and New York. There had been small runs on the bank recently but yesterday there was a pronounced run and matters came to a head this morning.

By way of explanation the official told the *China Mail* that the Saigon branch of the bank had ceased to finance rice exports since last China New Year. True, there had been a run on the Saigon establishment shortly after China New Year but there was no serious alarm. Since then efforts had been made by some of the directors to increase the Bank's capital but their efforts had not met with success.

In the course of the interview it was hinted that the Bank's losses in exchange had become known locally for some time with the result that its standing had been affected and yesterday's run was not altogether unexpected. Now that the crisis had come it was only natural to expect that liquidation proceedings would commence. This morning the official had heard of efforts by outsiders to get a depositor or other creditor to apply to the Court for a receiving order but as far as he knew, the matter had not been settled. However, he thought that something would be done this afternoon at the latest. Until a definite decision was made it would be futile to predict anything.

Stir In The City.

Considerable stir was created in Chinese business circles this morning when the suspending of payment notice was posted up. The bank has a fairly extensive clientele of Chinese merchants interested in trade with Saigon, Bangkok and other southern ports and also receives considerable support from overseas Chinese, especially those in America.

During the whole morning quite a number gathered round the bank's office to inquire what was going to happen. The majority seemed to be satisfied when a rumour went out that liquidation was possible. Others made their way round to the back door in the alley separating Alexandra Building from Messrs. Lane, Crawford's and tried to get in there. Here two men from a firm of California exporters tried to gain admittance by rattling off a list of names they knew but those behind the door were adamant.

The Chinese Merchants Bank has an authorised capital of \$5,000,000 of which approximately \$1,000,000 is paid up. Its head office was established in 1918. Early in 1919 the Saigon branch was opened. The second branch was formed in Canton in 1921 and the following year saw the New York and Shanghai offices opened.

According to the directory, Mr. Lau Yue-fong, a well-known Chinese, is the chairman of directors and the chief manager is Mr. K. C. Lau or Jan Kwai-chien. The latter has been in Saigon for some time returning here a few months ago but leaving for Saigon again after a short stay in Hongkong. Mr. Lau Yik-chien is the registered manager of the Canton and Shanghai branches.

News From Nam Pak Hong.

Consternation was caused in Nam Pak Hong circles, several leading merchants and brokers refusing to credit the report when first made. Others expressed the view that the Bank was very strongly supported by some of the largest rice and sugar merchants in the Colony and elsewhere. It gradually became known that the reason, as advanced by the bank, was the loss sustained

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

MR. JAMES LEE MARRIES MISS ELSIE MING.

The wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon of Miss Elsie Suey Ng-ming, only child of Mr. and Mrs. James Ng Ming, of Melbourne and Sunning (Canton), and Mr. James Yating Lee, fourth son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. R. G. Lee, of Hwang-shan. The Rev. W. H. Hewitt, Warden of St. Stephen's College, the bridegroom's old tutor, was the officiating clergyman.

The bridesmaids were the Misses May Tom Gunn and Lillian Chung, of Tasmania. The maid of honour was Miss Alice B. Lee, sister of the bridegroom, and the smaller bridesmaids were the Misses Sylvia Lau Heyshing and Alma O'Leary.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming, in a gown of ivory white georgette with raised design in gold draped to one side and caught with a spray of gold tissue and satin flowers and trails of orange blossoms. Her train was of gold tissue lined with satin tulle and spray of orange blossoms and flowers at one corner over all a long veil of hand embroidered tulle. She carried a sheaf of lotus flowers.

The maid of honour wore a yellow georgette frock, gold gulle hat, gold hose and shoes and carried a bouquet of pink roses and hydrangea.

The other bridesmaids wore brilliant frocks of changeable tulle shaded from peach to gold, gold tissue hats, gold hose and shoes and carried posies of pink roses and tulle.

The small bridesmaids' Long frocks made of the same tulle as the older bridesmaids' frocks caps and posies.

The Bride's Mother's dress was a charming creation of nude georgette with black lace and hat of black. The Bridegroom's Mother wore the formal Chinese costume.

The Best Man was Mr. Charles Mohan Lee, younger brother of the Bridegroom, and the other Groomsman were Mr. Crane Chan and Mr. Ho Tann-pui.

The hymns sung were "The Voice that Breathed over Eden," and "O Perfect Love."

After the ceremony a reception was held at No. 33 Robinson Road, the home of Mrs. W. R. G. Lee.

The honeymoon is being spent in Canton. The Bride's going away dress was a gown of sage blue silk crepe with Oriental embroidery. The hat was of white georgette trimmed with asps.

The Bridegroom's present to the Bride was a platinum and diamond wristlet watch.

The wedding cake was supplied by Cafe Wiseman.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received from the Manila Observatory by the Hongkong American Consulate General at 5.50 p.m. June 11 1924. 11/15 p.m. 3/30 p.m. 11th Cyclone or typhoon N.W. of Naha Developing.

The case in which the Indian motor car driver is charged with mutilating his wife was mentioned at the Central Magistracy this morning. Det. Insp. Egan said the woman was slowly recovering but was still in a bad way. Mr. Hamilton further adjourned the hearing for a week.

in exchange deals, and more bewilderment followed. Some suggested that the unfavourable turn of the sugar market has had some effect on the bank's prestige.

Mention was also made of Mr. Lau Yue-fong. The funeral of his wife a few months back—one of the most imposing since the Nanyang Tobacco Co.'s procession—was recalled because of the impression it made at the time on account of the number of silk scrolls from politicians in the North who included Marshal Wu Pei-fu.

An old-established Nam Pak Hong broker has expressed the opinion that mostly Chinese firms and individuals would be interested, particularly those hailing from the Sze Yap districts near Kong-moon. He also believed that one or two of the local foreign banks had transactions with the Bank. As far as he knew, the Bank had considerable funds on hand this morning but it was decided to adopt the better expedient of suspending payment in the interests of all. He had heard that what hastened the crisis was the abnormal number of New York drafts presented for payment yesterday and this afternoon.

SOUTH CHINA WARS.

FURTHER FIGHTING REPORTED.

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS.

Evidently the predictions made some weeks ago that serious fighting would break out on the East River front are coming true. It is idle to pretend that the position of stalemate can just as there is not sufficient forthcoming from the land to provide for the opposing armies. As a consequence, one side must attempt to oust the other. Claims have been made that the Honanese troops under Dr. Sun Yat-sen have gained the initial advantage in their offensive by capturing Lung Kong with a quantity of war material. Lung Kong is considered a key to the territory of Tam Su further east but the offensive has not been prosecuted.

On the other hand, a section of the vernacular press states that the anti-Sun troops have counter-attacked, one paper going as far as to assert that Lung Kong has been retaken and that Sun's men are falling back on their headquarters at Ping Woo, the railway town forty miles from the British border. Meanwhile it is interesting to note that another detachment of non-Cantonese troops has found an asylum in the turbulent province of Kwangtung. General Tsang Che-ping who was driven from Amoy has led his remnants, numbering about two thousand, rifles into Kwangtung from across the Northern border. He professes allegiance to Sun and has complied with instructions from Sun's right hand man to march no further but await orders.

PARTY IDEALS.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION PLATFORM.

(Center's American Service).

Cleveland (Ohio), June 11.

Drawing up the platform consumed more time than anticipated, it being found advisable in the interests of harmony to devote a whole day to smoothing out the dispute planks.

The document as submitted to the Convention begins with a tribute to the late President Harding and declares the country is fortunate because another fully equipped to be his successor stood forth on his death.

The document favours the adherence of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice and endorses the Government's refusal to join the League of Nations and assume obligations under the Covenant of the League. The platform, however, upholds as illustrations of what is possible in the direction of co-operative humanitarian efforts the unofficial representation of the United States by General Dawes on the Reparations Commission and the convention of the Washington naval conference.

The platform, after deferring to the peace-menacing increase in land and air forces abroad, advocates the calling of conference on the limitation of land forces and the use of submarines and poison gas as proposed by Mr. Coolidge when through the adoption of a permanent reparations plan conditions in Europe make negotiations and co-operation opportune and possible.

The platform contains the usual Republican declarations in favour of a tariff on imports for the protection of labour. It also endorses the elastic provisions of the latest tariff law, and promises to place farmers on equality with other United States industries.

The platform specifically renounces in favour of the Federal system the co-operative marketing of foreign products and declares for the creation of a commission to study the subject of tax reduction with a view to intelligent reformation of systems of taxation in conformity with sound economic principles.

LOTTERY TICKETS.

CHINESE FINED \$250 AT KOWLOON COURT.

A Chinese shopkeeper who confessed at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning that he was responsible for the possession and issuance of "Po-Piu" lottery tickets, was fined \$250 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell. Three others who came up for the same offence were discharged on the first defendant's admission.

Two cases of Enteric fever (Chinese) were notified yesterday.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

HONGKONG METALS MARKET.

"PROLONGED INACTIVITY."

Prolonged inactivity has been the main feature of the local metals market. The sale of 400 tons of bars mentioned in the quotations given below is explained by the report that the lot was intended by a Chinese hong which ultimately disposed of the lot in the market as, so it is rumoured, the buyer did not take delivery. This has had the effect of still further weakening the Chinese side of the business.

Quotations are as follows:— Mild Steel Bars, 1in. to 1 1/2in.—400 tons sold at \$4.35 per picul. Local dealers' nominal quotations about \$5.00 per picul.

Mild Steel Bars, 2in. to 3in.—quoted for indent at \$9.10-10. Plates, 4ft. x 8ft. x 3/16in. and by local dealers at \$5.80.

Angles, 1 1/2in. to 3in. quoted for indent at \$4.50.

Joists, 3in. x 5in.—50 tons sold by local dealers at \$4.65 per picul. Plate, Cutlimes, sold by local dealers at \$4.50 per picul.

Timber, 14in. x 20in. x 100ft. x 112ft.—quoted for indent at \$11.60 and by local dealers at \$10.80.

Timber, 14in. x 18 1/2in. x 110ft. x 121ft. quoted for indent at \$10.80 and by local dealers at \$9.80.

Wire Nails, 1 1/2in. to 3in.—quoted for indent at \$8.60 and by local dealers at \$8.00.

BRUNNER MOND DIVIDEND.

The directors of Brunner, Mond, and Co. have declared a final dividend on the Ordinary shares of 7 per cent., against 7 1/2 per cent. a year ago. As the interim dividend (3 1/2 per cent.) was also reduced by 1 per cent., the distribution for the 12 months ended March 31 is 1 1/2 per cent. lower at 10 1/2 per cent. The company is placing £150,000 to suspense account (against £225,000), but the allocation to general reserve is a little larger—namely, £88,000 against £62,000. The reduction in the dividend involves a sum of approximately £28,000, and allowing for the difference in the other appropriations, it would appear that the net earnings of the company declined last year by something like £111,000. When it is remembered that profits for the previous year were returned at £1,550,000, a total fully half a million greater than in any other year in the company's history, such a falling off does not appear to possess significance. The preliminary results, so far as they can be judged, seem indeed, to afford a striking testimony to the vitality of this great chemical business, and to show that the management has made good use of the £2,500,000 Preference capital that was raised three years ago.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

A resolution to authorise an increase of the capital of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., from \$800,000 to \$1,500,000 by the creation of 60,000 additional shares is to be proposed at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders to be held on the 21st inst.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

STRUTHERS & BARRY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. From SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES, via PORTS.

THE Steamship "WEST MONTOP"

having arrived from the above mentioned ports Thursday, 12th June, 1924, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned or Delivery Orders issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godown where it will be examined at 10 a.m., 17th June, 1924, Tuesday, by Messrs. Anderson & Ashie, Marine Surveyors.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

No claim will be recognised after the cargo have left the Godown and cargo undelivered after 18th June, 1924, Wednesday, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately. STRUTHERS & BARRY, Agents, U. S. S. B. Emergency Fleet Corporation, Hongkong, 12th June, 1924.

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LEAD AND GOLD.

TWO MORE BANGLES THAT LOOKED LIKE GOLD.

An Aberdeen fisherman was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning with falsely representing a pair of bangles to be pure gold and obtaining money on them by false pretences.

It was stated by the accountant of a jeweller's shop at 100 Queen's Road West that the man asked for \$80 for the bangles, representing them as pure gold. They were afterward found to be gold coated and made up of lead.

On the way to Aberdeen, the man confessed that the bangles were not gold. Mr. Hamilton remarked that this was a worse case than the one he dealt with at Kowloon yesterday. Defendant would go to jail for two months.

THE BORDER LINE.

CHINESE WOMAN ROBBED AT SHATAUKOK.

A Chinese woman reports to the Police that while she was walking through the border line village of Lee Man Hang near Shataukok she was robbed by soldiers belonging to Sun Yat-sen's army.

The woman states that at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning she noticed six soldiers following her in single file. When she came to the village they set upon her and snatched a basket she was carrying containing \$30 in small coins. The soldiers then made off, but she recognised the uniform of Sun Yat-sen's army.

MR. LINDSELL AT KOWLOON.

CHARGES MAGISTRACIES WITH MR. HAMILTON.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who changed places with Mr. E. W. Hamilton had a very light list for his first morning at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day. He had cleared off his diary by 11.30 a.m., which almost constitutes a record for the new Court.

On the other hand, Mr. Hamilton had a busy time at the Central Magistracy.



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HONGKONG'S POLICE. ANNUAL PARADE AND INSPECTION.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S TRIBUTE.

Drawn up in open square formation the Hongkong Police presented a very smart appearance at the Central Police Station compound yesterday afternoon, the occasion being the annual parade inspection and presentation of awards by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G. The balconies overlooking the compound were crowded. Among those present were Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Commodore H. E. Grace, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. Chow Siu-ki, Lieut.-Commander R. E. Worthington, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ping and others.

The Parade was under the command of the Captain Superintendent of Police (the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe). Other senior police officials on parade were: Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., (Deputy Superintendent of Police), Mr. C. G. G. Perdue (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence), and Mr. J. Kerr (Second Assistant Superintendent of Police). The Fire Brigade contingent was in charge of Mr. E. C. Brooks.

The strength on parade comprised 60 Europeans and a corresponding number of Indians, 50 local Chinese, 100 Weihaiwei men and 27 Indian gendarmes.

His Excellency the Governor was accompanied by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., and was received on arrival by the Hon. Mr. Wolfe.

After the general salute the Governor inspected the units and the presentation of awards for meritorious work during the year was made. His Excellency shaking hands and speaking a few words of congratulation to each recipient.

An Excellent Force.

At the end of the presentation Sir Edward Stubbs addressed the Force. He said: On behalf of the Colony I have again to thank you for the valuable work which you have put in during the last year. The police have had a very hard year. They have had to provide additional men for special work in connection with piracy, which I hope they may be relieved in the not distant future. There are many instances besides the Yumati affair in which the police have shown what an excellent force they are; but I refer specially to the Yumati affair because I consider that in it the police have done the most excellent bit of work in my experience during my career in the Colony. I cordially congratulate Inspector Murphy and everybody concerned in it. I thank you, gentlemen, and I know I can rely upon you to do equally well if not better this year.

As the Captain-Superintendent of Police led the Governor into the main building, the "Dismiss" order was given and the various contingents dispersed. After tea the Governor and the gathering were treated to a very creditable display of fire-fighting, given by the Fire Brigade under Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent, and Mr. G. C. Moss, Station Officer. The firemen, all Chinese, performed the various manoeuvres with remarkable alacrity, revealing a clear insight of their work.

The Awards.

The following is a list of the medals and prizes presented by His Excellency to a number of the Police Officers on parade:—

Medals.

For courage and resource on the occasion of the affray with armed robbers at No. 206, Canton Road, Yumati, on December 29 the following medals and rewards were presented:—

Inspector T. Murphy recommended for the King's Police Medal.

Third Class Medals: P.S. 180 Wong Lau and C.C. 37 Mak Iu; 4th Class: P.S. 110 Kelly, P.S. 46 Fender, L.S. 37 McEwen, L.S. 119 Robertson, C.C. 551 Man Wan, C.C. 526 Wong Kan, L.S. 55 Li Cheung, L.S. 345 Shek Tui, L.S. 267 Maghar Singh; commended: L.S. 53 Clark, I.P.C. 125 Nardin Singh, I.P.C. 94 Chatter Singh, C.C. 540 Ip Chak, C.C. 322 Cheng Shan, C.C. 419 Man Lung, C.C. 229 Ip Fu, L.S. 96 Khoshal Singh and I.P.C. 25 Madha Singh.

Other medals awarded were:—L.S.A. 95 Knowles, 4th Class, (For zeal and bravery on the occa-

"JUST PILED UP."

THE PORTUGUESE FAR FLYERS.

Lahore, May 21.—S. A. Brito Pais, one of the Portuguese airmen staying at Lahore at present, interviewed by a representative of the *Civil and Military Gazette* said there was no direct object in the flight. They had been ordered by the Portuguese Government to study conditions of flying in the Far East and having got its sanction they decided to fly there. Asked how their machine crashed, the airmen said they were flying about 1,200 feet on their journey from Karachi when the machine began to sink. The engine was running perfectly but refused to climb when they tried to get up into cooler air. They continued sinking all the way until there was nothing else to do but to attempt to land. The country was very bad and the machine just piled up.

Yesterday and to-day the Portuguese airmen tested their machine over Lahore. The third man of the party who is at present in Karachi is expected here to-day, preparatory to start for Agra to-morrow.

Commendations.

Sergeant-Major Nand Singh, for good work done in the N.T. (North).

L.S.A. 24 Elston, for excellent work done whilst performing the duties of Sergeant i/c Hawkers.

L.S.A. 156 Dowse, for acting with commendable promptness and presence of mind when shot by an armed robber in Shing Wong Street on 3/5/23.

Inspector Pincott, for the care and thoroughness with which he carried out investigations and prepared the Nga Ngo piracy case for the prosecution.

Sub-Ins. R. Shannon, for the excellence of his work in supervising the Indian guards.

Sub-Ins. McWalter, for resource and energy on 11/11/23 in securing the arrest of a man who had committed an armed robbery at 145, Portland Street.

SHOOTING-PRIZES.

Revolver.

Governor's Cup.—1st, P.S.A. 90 Carpenter.

Championship Cup.—1st, P.S.A. 90 Carpenter; 2nd, Sub-Inspector Barnett.

Handicap Cup.—1st, L.S.A. 31 Whant; 2nd, P.S.A. 90 Carpenter.

Championship Cup (Chinese).—1st, D. 35 Ke Teh-shing (Cup and \$10 in addition); 2nd, D. 33 Chang Lien-ho (\$5 in cash).

Indians.—1st, P.C.B. 412 Mahdi Khan (Cup and \$10 in cash); 2nd, P.S.B. 255 Diwan Ali (\$5 in cash).

Rifle.

Europeans.—1st, Sub-Inspector Booker.

Indians.—1st, S.M. Nand Singh (Cup); 2nd, P.C.B. 78 Mangal Singh (\$10); 3rd, P.C.B. 4 Hazara Singh (\$5).

Championship Shield.—Won by Central Team (Sub-Ins. Barnett, P.S.A. 90 Carpenter, L.S.A. 44 Hopkins and L.S.A. 33 Wynne).

Best Aggregate.—P.S. 90 Carpenter (Cup presented by Mr. Tam Shiu-po).

2nd in Aggregate.—P.S. 15 Smith (Cup presented by Mr. Tam Shiu-po).

Other medals awarded were:—L.S.A. 95 Knowles, 4th Class, (For zeal and bravery on the occa-

"TUNG ON" LAUNCHED.

CEREMONY AT TAIKOO DOCKYARD.

The s.s. "Tung On" built by the Taikoo Dockyard Company for the Tung On Steamship Company was successfully launched yesterday afternoon before an attendance of enthusiastic spectators, mostly Chinese. The ceremony was gracefully performed by Mrs. Greig, wife of Mr. K. E. Greig, Chief Engineer of the Taikoo Dockyard.

At the subsequent reception and tea Mr. G. M. Young, manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, said that he had come there on such a hot day to witness, one might say, such a hot ceremony. The "Tung On," he said, would accommodate over thirty first-class passengers, and could without exaggeration be described as one of the very best river steamers running in and out of Hongkong. The enterprise of the owners would, he hoped, be followed by others, or the dockyards in Hongkong might have to close down. He expressed his thanks to Mrs. Greig for performing the christening ceremony, and begged her acceptance of a souvenir of the occasion, a pretty wrist watch.

Mr. Hay Tong, commodore of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, said that he foresaw the time when Hongkong would be one of the greatest shipbuilding centres, and added that until the railways of South China were developed, waterways would hold the leading place as a medium of distribution.

Mr. K. E. Greig in a brief speech thanked the owners for the honour they had paid his wife.

Mr. Ma Luk, one of the owners of the "Tung On," said that she was the second river steamer his company had built. The figure 2 was most lucky according to Chinese ideas. Confucius, in the book of Yick, said that 2 was a sign of praise and fame. The "Tung On" was certain to win fame and praise from everybody.

The Turkish National Assembly has passed a law suppressing the dry regime in Turkey, this being the eleventh decision on Prohibition in a year.

"TAI LEE" PIRACY.

BREACH OF PIRACY RULES ALLEGED.

An echo of the recent "Tai Lee" piracy was heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday when the Sze Yap Steamship Company, partners of the company owning the vessel, were summoned to show cause why they should not forfeit a bond of \$5,000 entered into with the Captain Superintendent of Police under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance 1914.

Mr. Leo D'Almada asked if it would not be more in order if the case was heard by another Magistrate, as Mr. Lindsell had acted as Coroner at the inquest concerning the death of Captain Wilcox who was killed when the "Tai Lee" was attacked.

Mr. Lindsell agreed and fixed the case for June 15, subject to Mr. C. D. Melbourne's being able to hear it then.

Provisions of the Piracy Prevention Ordinance submitted by Mr. Hazeldrigg, Acting Crown Solicitor, for the C.S.P. are alleged as follows:—

(1) That whilst the steamer was in a danger zone, Thomas Fletcher John Dwyer, and Joseph Lewis, certificated officers present on board the steamship, or some one of more of them, did not carry a revolver and 25 rounds of ammunition, contrary to Regulation No. 32 of the Regulations of Hongkong 1914.

(2) That whilst the ship was in a danger zone the grille door to the engine room and boiler room from the upper deck was not at all times kept locked, contrary to Section No. 52 of the Regulations of Hongkong 1914.

(3) That the equipment prescribed by Regulation No. 14 on page 459 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1924, was not rapidly and easily available for immediate use, contrary to Regulation No. 16 of the Regulation of Hongkong 1914.

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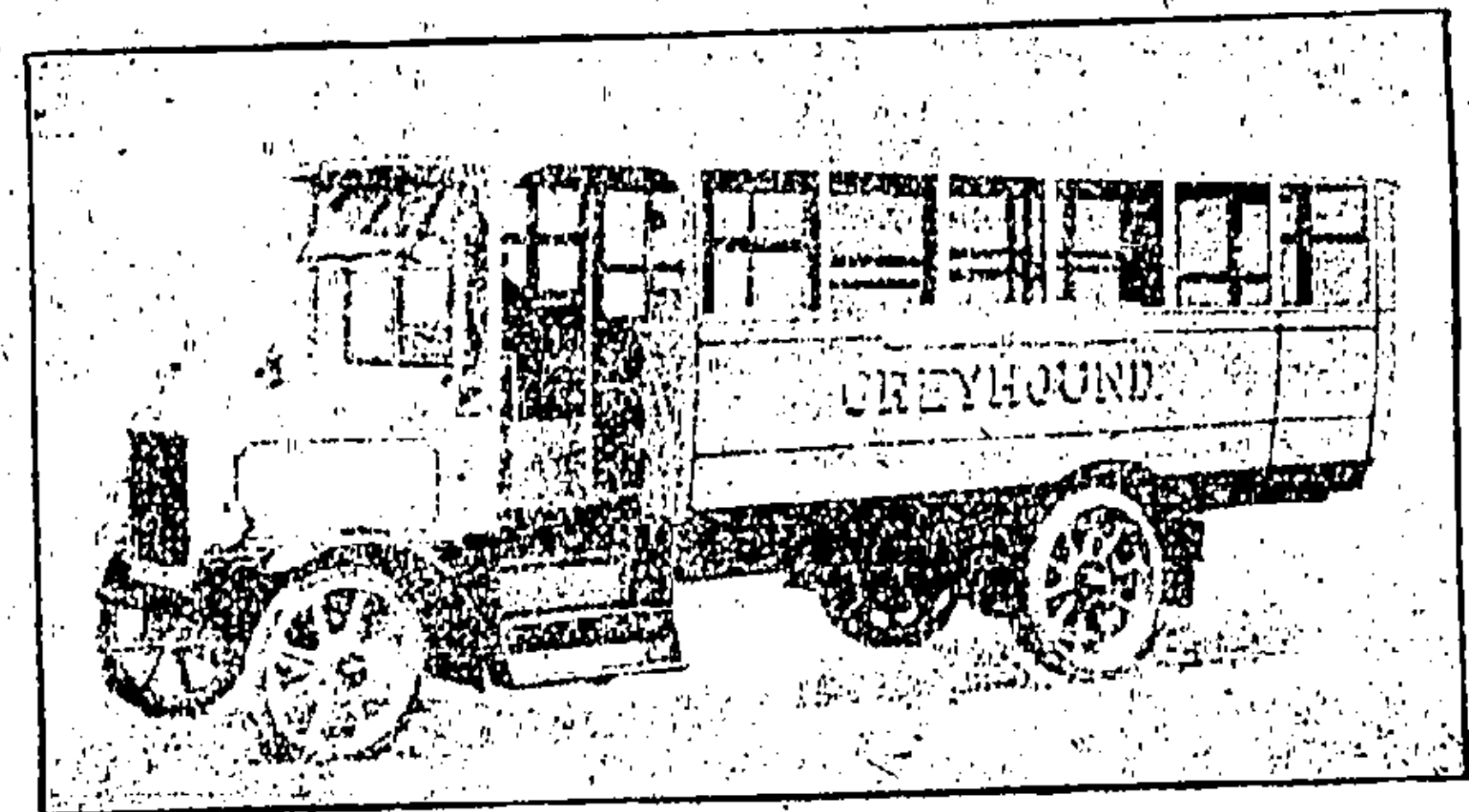
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Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, New York City, who has set the Prohibition groups "by the ears" and raised hope in the hearts of some American people by stating that the Volstead law and the 18th Amendment have not in any way benefited the American public. He says it has, in fact, created evil and proven a failure. He finally says that the Amendment should not only be changed, but should be repealed altogether.



Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholievitch, second cousin of the late Czar and former commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, who from his refuge in Paris has just issued a statement that the Bolsheviks are losing their grip on Russia and that the old regime will return to power. He also expressed gratitude for aid to starving Russians during the famine.



Walter H. Eddy, discoverer of the first vitamin to be crystallized. Asked if the crystallization of a vitamin as an individual compound meant capsule food, he said: "I hope not—for it will take all the joy out of life." Previous to his successful experiment scientists only knew what vitamins did—not what they were—experiments having proved that they prevented scurvy, beri-beri and other pernicious ailments.



Photo by Central News.

Princess Mary attended a function to inaugurate the "Battle for Infant Life" movement at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square. The photograph shows her chatting with one of the little patients in the Infants' Hospital, a type of the children for whom she launched the campaign.

Block by Nam Sun.



Mrs. Frederick L. Martin, wife of the U.S. Army major who was leading the flight of four planes around the world until his crash in Alaska compelled him to resign the post.



Sir Robert Kindersley, noted banker and member of the Dawes' committee of experts, appointed by Reparations Commission to direct organization of the new German bank of issue which will be set up under the plans of the Dawes' committee.



Thorvald Stauning, new Premier of Denmark. He has successfully built up his Cabinet, without the least possible trouble, which was expected from opposing factions.

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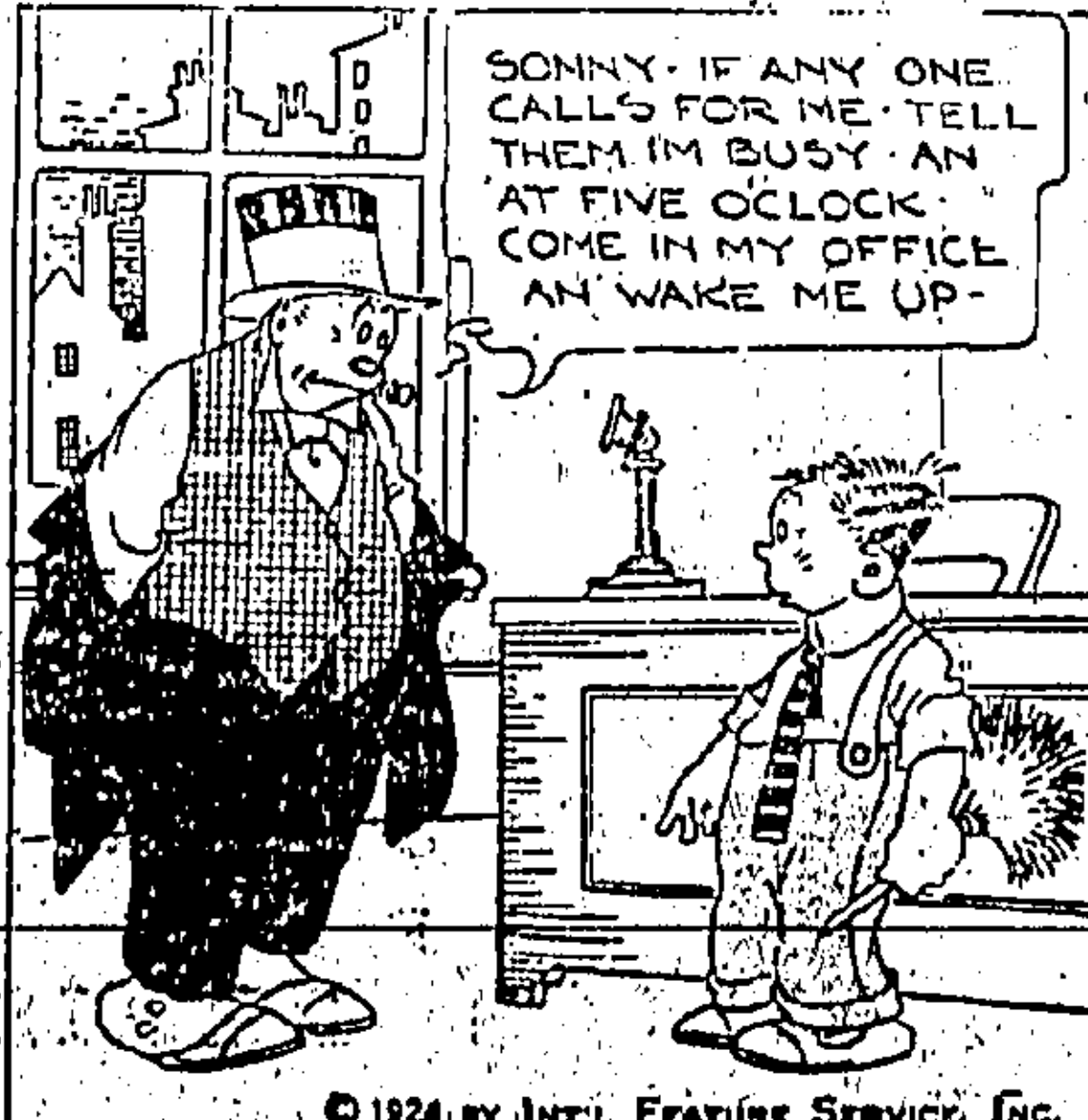
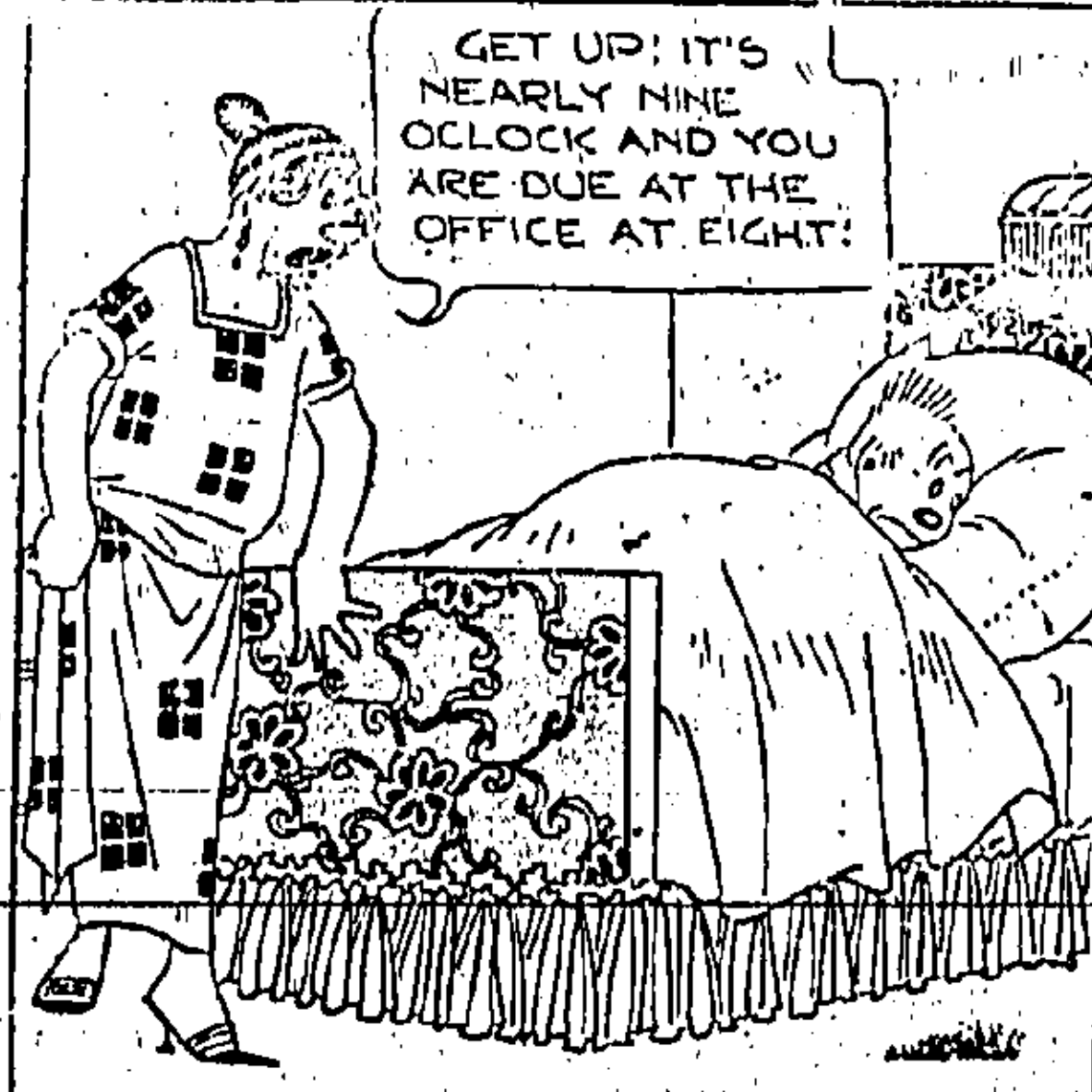
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